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The Honorable Carol M. Browner Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Browner:

It is my understanding that on February 10, 1999, the EPA will hold a "technical workshop on perchlorate risk issues" in San Bernardino, California, in order to allow the public and other interested parties to review information that is the basis for a revised oral reference dose (RfD) for perchlorate. Information for this review is contained in a report by the National Center for Environmental Assessment entitled, "Perchlorate Environmental Contamination: Toxicological Review and Risk Characterization Based on Emerging Information," published on December 31, 1998.

I further understand that the main report to be discussed during this meeting was not made available to the public until mid-January, and that most of the 186 documents used as references in the report are not readily available for public review. Additionally, several studies that the EPA previously deemed necessary in order to derive a proper perchlorate RfD have not yet been completed. A 90-day postponement of this meeting would allow for proper review of the documents, completion of important studies, and adequate time for public review and comments.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

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